The Prydonian Renegade

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Club Stuff

Bylaws approved in light vote

The Club's Bylaws have been approved in a vote in which fewer than ninety members returned their ballots. For what it's worth, the recorded vote was 77 to 7 in favour of the Bylaws as presented. The negative votes were mostly based on the lack of election of officers. We interpret the small vote as a sign of tacit approval. In any case, the Bylaws are now formally in effect. We thank everyone who voted.

Comments on the questionnaire indicated that most members care only that the newsletter arrive on time and that it be full of news and features. The *Renegade* staff will endeavour to continue our record of never missing an issue. Next month will be the 50th issue without missing a month, a record unmatched in American fandom.

We'd like to thank Duffy McLaughlin and Michael Alibrando for recording the votes and reading the questionnaires. A full report on your comments will appear next month.

Two Parties, Assembly set for November

We have three events planned for November, gang. On the 7th, we'll be having a party at Steve Cluck's home in Philadelphia. Steve lives at 400 Upland Road, Elkins Park. The party will start at 7:30 pm. This is the Saturday evening of the Creation Con with Paul Darrow. Directions will be available at the con, or call Steve at 215-635-6183. As always, food and drink will be appreciated. This is a great opportunity for Philly Prydonians who can't make it to the regular Assemblies, so let's see you all there!

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Doctor Who Movie Production Starts in April

Caroline Munro plays Companion; Doctor not yet cast

(APC Net—9/29/87) The following is directly from the Movie Production Office:

Coast To Coast Productions has been awarded a contract by the BBC, with the approval of the DW Production Office, for three DW feature films. The first of the series will be produced by Peter Litten and George Dugdale—who are most famous recently for creating the prosthetic makeup effects and the visual image for the "Max Headroom" show. They have done SFX for DW and "Blakes 7." Peter's mentor is Chris Tucker ("Elephant Man," "Quest for Fire"). The screenplay is complete—written by Mark Ezra. Peter and George are currently in Los Angeles negotiating for American distribution with major American studios. The film is fully financed (privately) with a working budget of $14 million. The current plan calls for actual preproduction to begin in January. Special Effects work has already begun in London. Principal photography is scheduled to begin in April in Ireland. Release is currently expected to be in November in conjunction with the 25th Anniversary of the show. There is no specific information on the story line, but the Doctor will be in the tradition of the TV show (not the previous movies!). He will be a Time Lord from Gallifrey. The Doctor will have three companions: one male, one female, and one "surprise." The female companion has been cast and will be played by Caroline Munro. The Doctor has not been cast. It will be a British actor. Peter and George are very interested in any ideas DW fans have about who should be cast in the role. If you want to suggest/nominate someone, please send you suggestions—and any reasoning behind the suggestion—to Jean Airey, APC Net Secretary, 1306 West Illinois, Aurora IL 60506. Jean wil send all input she receives to the Movie Production Office. The tentative title for the film is "Doctor Who—The Movie." If you have an opinion about that title or an alternate title, please let Jean know and she'll send that too.

Paul Darrow at Philly Creation

Paul Darrow will be at the Creation Convention at the Philadelphia Holiday Inn on November 7–8. Tickets are available at the door, from Ticketron, or from Creation (call 516-746-9626). We hope to have a table at this convention. We will be having a party in Philly the evening of the 7th. See the story on this page for details.

WHYY Fundraiser on Nov. 28

We will be working a fundraiser for WHYY TV in Philadelphia on Saturday, November 28, from 2:30 pm until 6. We need volunteers to answer the phones. If you would like to work it, call Barbara Teichert at 215-688-5638 from 7:30 to 10:30 pm, or at 215-898-1550 weekdays from noon to 5 pm.

Tammy Faye Servalan in PTL Scandal

Tammy Faye Servalan, sister of the late former Federation President Natasha Servalan, has been ousted from her position as head of the PTL (Praise the Time Lords) Ministry for embezzlement. Servalan, 44, was charged by the Galactic Revenue Service, with taking proceeds from the Ministry's Rassilon's World theme park and using the money to buy Diet Coke and shares in Maybelline. It is rumored that dissidents on Gallifrey may have tipped the GRS off, although a man dressed in black leather was seen leaving the PTL computer center the day before Servalan was accused at a PTL synod plenary meeting. So far, the Time Lords have not commented on this incident in the cult that worships them.

Editorials

Our magnificent library

Fanzines are the average fan's opportunity to play God. Writing is an exhilarating experience, and fanzines are an outlet for those who don't want to turn pro. You can explore the characters and situations of your favourite show and also read new adventures created by other talented fan-writers. Doctor Who and Blakes 7 have attracted many devoted followers to pen further stories about the intrepid heroes (well, Vila too) of these wonderful programs, and the many fanzines featuring DW and B7 fiction contain some truly incredible stories. But there are so many zines out, many of which are out of print or hard to find, that many fans despair of tracking down some of the legendary ones.

That's where our Fanzine Lending Library comes in. The Library, now about eight months old, has complete sets of many well-known zines and large collections of other series. With almost 300 books, and growing all the time, many of the club's members have enjoyed a wealth of entertainment second only to discovering Doctor Who and Blakes 7 on TV for the first time. Especially for Blakes 7 fans, whose show was mercilessly killed off by the BBC, but who can enjoy countless new adventures in the enormous fan literature. The Library provides a unique service by making so many brilliant zines easily available.

All of this is due to the extraordinary efforts of Linda Anne Lineaweaver, High Councillor and Librarian. The Library was entirely Linda Anne's idea, and its existence is a result of her incredible expenditures of time and money. The Library is meant to be self-sustaining; it receives not a penny of general Club funds. But its huge size is because Linda Anne has spent a lot of her own money traveling to many conventions and buying zines. She does this willingly; her dedication and devotion to the Cause are amazing, and we want to express our deep gratitude to her. The Club only works when members get involved; the best way to do so is to think of something wonderful we should be doing and then to get out and do it. Linda Anne invented a role for herself and is fulfilling it beautifully. The rest of us can take a lesson from her. In the meantime the 38 members of the Library are having a wonderful time exploring the worlds of Doctor Who and Blakes 7. Anybody else out there interested?

Make it *Your* Newsletter

This issue features a long article by Jon Miller on a lost classic of *Doctor Who.* It also has some wonderful entries to Competition 6, another of Kim Wigmore's kooky "Cut-Outs," yet another "Sleer" letter, and a Scorpio V report by Leah Rosenthal. All these contributions make the editor's job a lot easier. The more submissions by members, the less the editor has to write. If we don't get any submissions, the editor has to write the entire issue himself, which isn't fair, and which also sort of negates the idea of the club. As we constantly state, folks, this is *your* club; it doesn't belong to the editor, or even to the rest of the High Council. Without you, there wouldn't be anything for us to do. We realize that many of you have neither the time nor the inclination to write something for *The Renegade.* Still, if there's anyone out there with the slightest desire to wax creative, you need only get started. We'll be glad to consider your submissions. Don't be shy, your fellow members are out there eagerly awaiting your brainchildren!

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Letters to The Renegade

Dear Prydonians:

Hi there, all ye giant mutant chimpanzees (the ones from Mars, I'm not talking to the domestic giant mutant chimpanzees!) Attached (unless stolen) are two Blakes 7 stories, typed, less than 2000 words long, and appropriate $1 each bribery—oops—entry fee, to enter these great literary gems in your story contest (general cheers and rejoicing). If they bomb out of the contest, I sure would like to submit 'em to zines (current valure of one story=1 free zine). (More general cheers and rejoicing.) So please pick the winners quickly. Enjoy!

Cindy Henry

P.S. Love your club, by the way.

What's this "your club" nonsense, Cindy? It isn't my club, it's your club, and everyone else's! You're as much a part of it as the High Council; more, in fact, since without us the club would survive, but without members...well, there wouldn't be much point to a High Council, then, would there? Anyway, thanks for the stories, but we can't pick winners until the contest closes. Remember, dear Cindy, patience is a virtue.

Dear Prydonians:

Greetings. Here are two stories for the Blakes 7 contest. I've enclosed $1 for each story.

I hope you have more story contests in the future. It's a great idea.

Toni Lay

Thanks for your entries. We plan to have two such contests each year, one for Doctor Who (which ended in August) and one for Blakes 7 stories. In fact, we've had a Doctor Who contest the past three years running. We just added the Blakes 7 contest as part of our continuing commitment to B7 as well. But remember, we will print fiction outside of the contests; you don't have to wait for these annual events to submit anything at all for publication!

Dear Prydonians:

Thanks for once again mentioning my club [The Friends of Tom and Colin Baker] in such a positive light. I advertise as much as I can, but can't afford much, so a lot of Colin's fans probably still aren't aware that there's a club

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TARDIS Talk

DSV One Almost Sold Out

DSV One, the Blakes 7 superconvention set for next January 29–31 at the Newark Airport Holiday Inn, is almost sold out! The first progress report showed almost 440 memberships sold; when they reach 500, that's it. So if you haven't joined yet (last count revealed over 140 Prydonians will be going), do so NOW! You don't want to miss this extravaganza, which will star Paul Darrow, Michael Keating, Gareth Thomas, and Terry Nation. Membership costs $45 for all three days. A contribution of an additional $25 or more will get you invited to a special party with the stars. Make checks payable to Decima Productions and send to: Decima Productions, PO Box 7926, FDR Station, New York, NY 10150. When you send in your check, mention all the local clubs you belong to.

For those of you wondering how to get to the hotel, the progress report contains extremely detailed travel directions. The hotel has a special room rate, and we are running a service to match people up with rides and roommates (see below).

See you there!

New Fan Con in Trenton in April

Sophie Aldred invited

Relaxicon I, a fan-run convention with new Companion Sophie Aldred (pending Doctor Who commitments) will be held Sunday, April 17, at the Trenton War Memorial Auditorium. Tickets will be available by mail within the month.

It is hoped that this con will be the forerunner to a three-day convention to be held in the summer of 1989.

Area fan clubs will be participating by providing volunteers and suggestions for programming.

We will have more information in the next issue.

DSV 1 Travel Service has first listings

As mentioned last month, we are running a service to put people who need rides to or roommates at DSV One in touch with those willing to offer rides or to share a room. Send your name, address, and phone number to the club and we'll list it in the newsletter. After that, you're on your own. We will not match people up directly nor will we accept any responsibility for any arrangements made as a result of any listing in this section.

Anyhow, here are the first listings:

Looking for a ride to/from DSV One, accommodations, or parts thereof, with nonsmoker(s). Eleanor Forman, 1009 Lawrenceville Road, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648. (609) 883-8223.

Room in my truck for riders to the convention: Karlene Hartel, 21 Arlington Road, Bordentown, NJ 08505. (609) 298-4312.

Scorpio VI Sets Date

Scorpio VI, the annual Blakes 7 superconvention, will be held August 4–6, 1988, at the Hyatt Oak Brook Hotel in Oakbrook, Illinois. Memberships are $40 and are going fast (attendance will be limited to 500). Scorpio V starred Gareth Thomas, Michael Keating, Terry Nation, Jan Chappell, Sally Knyvette, and Peter Tuddenham. All or many of them may very well attend next year. To preregister, send your check (made payable to Nancy Kolar) to Scorpio VI, PO Box 397, Midlothian, IL 60445.

The Scorpio conventions are put on by Terry Nation's Scorpio, the largest national Blakes 7 club in America. Dues are $8 a year and get you the excellent quarterly newsletter, Signals from Scorpio. It's worth joining. To join, send your dues (check payable to Cherry Steffey) to the same address, given above.

Flea Market a Big Success

We'll do it again next spring

Volunteers from the club worked tables at the Columbus Flea Market on Sunday, October 18, to make money for club activities. Over $100 was raised. We will be doing this again next spring. We'd like to thank everyone who donated items to be sold. We'd also like to urge all of you to contribute things you no longer need for our next visit to the Columbus market. You can call any High Councillor to offer things. Thanks!

New Policy on Bounced Checks

Recently, several checks sent in by members have been returned for insufficient funds. This has cause the club some inconvenience and some extra expenses. The High Council have decided on a new policy to handle any future occurrences. If a check for membership or renewal is returned by the member's bank, membership will be suspended until the check is made good, plus any expenses this causes the club. We're sorry, but we can't afford (nor should we) to pay for such things. Please take care to avoid this kind of problem. Thank you.

Join the Freedom Party!

The Freedom Party is a new Blakes 7 club in New York City. Founded by Prydonian Roselle Zubey, it has meetings in Manhattan on the second Sunday of each month. Dues are $6 a year. There is a monthly newsletter, *The Party Line.* To join, write 5 West 63rd Street, #604, New York, NY 10023, or call 212-787-4400, ext. 604. Tell them we sent you.

Seveners in southern New Jersey should join the Cygnus Alphans, a great group of rebels. Dues are $6 a year; meetings are the third Sunday of the month. The newsletter, *The Liberator's Log,* is one of the best we've ever seen. Write 23 Coleman Road, Berlin, NJ 08009 or call 609-768-3247.

Actually, you can join these clubs no matter where you live. You can't belong to too many clubs.

Travel Through Time

The Dalek Master Plan—

by Jon Miller

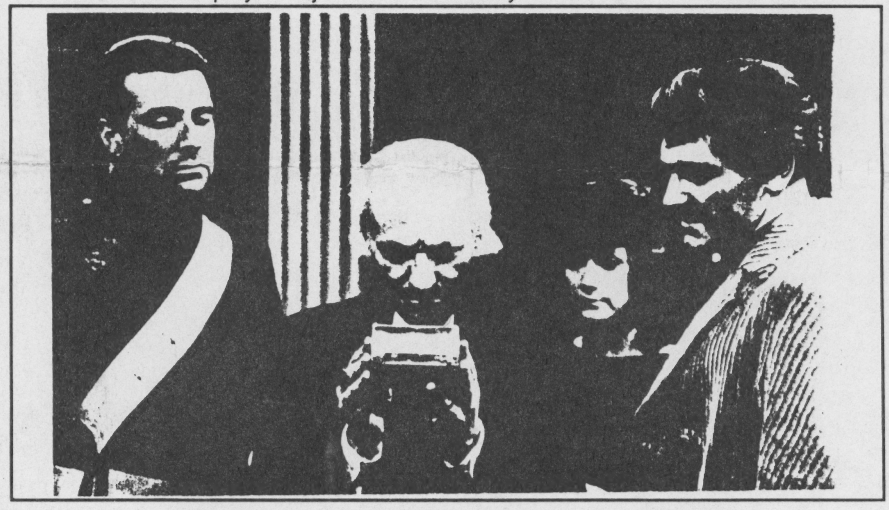
One of the long-lost jewels in the crown of *Doctor Who* has been "The Dalek Master Plan." This mammoth twelve-part serial is among the best remembered by British fans and it was one of the first to be destroyed by the BBC. In it, the Daleks's fourth appearance on the show, they commanded the screens of England for almost three months (from November 12, 1965, through January 29, 1966)!

In fact, this serial was the inspired by BBC Controller, Huw Weldon. His mother loved the Daleks and eagerly awaited each new story featuring them. Weldon, a loving son, went to DW producer Verity Lambert and, as a favour to his mother, suggested a gargantuan Dalek story. Lambert loved the idea and readily accepted it, for a much more practical and pressing reason.

Doctor Who's ratings were in a severe slump. All the original Companions (Susan, Ian, and Barbara) had left and their replacements, Vicki and Steven, weren't as popular with the viewers. Interest in the show itself was at an all-time low, although the Daleks themselves remained popular. There was even talk amongst the critics that the show might be canceled! *Doctor Who* needed a ratings boost and it needed it badly. Verity Lambert made the key decision and began to lay plans for a Dalek serial longer than any that had come before.

Terry Nation, who had created the Daleks for *Doctor Who* in 1963, was commissioned to write the scripts. It became clear early on that he couldn't handle the mammoth task alone, so Douglas Spooner, the show's script editor, came in to help. In the end, Nation wrote the first half of the serial, Spooner the second half. They worked together for several months, and after many story conferences, outlines, and drafts, they created the proposed behemoth—"The Dalek Master Plan."

It clocked in at twelve 25-minute episodes, just about three hours of airing time. It would run three months and cost almost twice as much as any serial before it. The storyline was so involved and complicated that it can't be adequately summed up, but here goes.The Doctor steals the one part the Daleks need to complete their Time Destroyer and conquer the universe, and they pursue him to recover it for twelve episodes. To give you an idea of its size, the story had 57 plot twists and 15 subplots. It visited 7 planets, showed 12 new alien races, had 63 credited roles, and introduced two new companions, both of whom died within 8 episodes, as well as an actor later to play a major role in the history of the show.



Bret Vyon (Nicholas Courtney); The Doctor (William Hartnell); Katarina (Adrienne Hill); Steven Taylor (Peter Purves)

New Companions Added

The role of Sara Kingdom, Space Security agent and Dalek assassin, was given to Jean Marsh, who later became famous as Rose on Upstairs, Downstairs. Bret Vyon, her brother and a secret agent, was played by Nicholas Courtney, who would soon become better known as Brigadier Lethbridge-Stewart. In this role he appeared with the next four Doctors and thus became the first actor to appear with the first five, missing only an appearance with #6. Unbeknownst to him, on the set of "Dalek Master Plan" was an actor who would later break his record by appearing with all of the first six. This was John Scott Martin...who regularly played Daleks.

The serial itself was so large that extra time was needed for preparation. Even with the hiring of two designers instead of the customary one, it was clear that the show couldn't possibly be ready by airtime. Lambert took the only way out and ordered a special one-part story.

One-Part Episode Filmed

"Mission to the Unknown" was and still is the only one-part story in the history of the show. What's more, it is still the only episode in which neither the Doctor nor any of his companions appear. It was supposed to serve as a teaser, setting the scene and situation for the full-length tale yet to come. It involved Space Security agents marooned on the planet Kembel. As they try to dodge the carnivorous Varga plants, they discover the presence of Daleks and their hideous master plan. The crew producing the previous story, "Galaxy Four," had their contracts lengthened so that they could also do this one. It had been written hastily and put together even faster, but on the other hand, it didn't have to be very good. It was supposed to raise public interest in the Daleks, which it did very well.

Following "Mission to the Unknown," there was a four- week break during which the TARDIS crew was involved with "The Myth Makers." Vicki left in this episode, and one of the doomed companions, Katarina, joined the Doctor. This story did not do well in the ratings, so all hopes were pinned to "The Dalek Master Plan."

The Nightmare Begins

On November 13, the first episode, "The Nightmare Begins," was aired. Most fans had known it would be running and were waiting anxiously. Interest in the Daleks was at a fever pitch. The *Radio Times* (the BBC's equivalent of *TV Guide*) had said "Stand by then for twelve weeks of narrow squeaks for humanity, with the Daleks at their most menacing and the Doctor and his

Padded Classic?

companions at their most heroic and ingenious." It all sounded very exciting, and most of the heads at the BBC were praying fervently that it would live up to its promise.

Unfortunately, by the time it was over, most viewers had given up. Twelve straight weeks of doom, destruction, death, and despair was simply too much for most fans. Early episodes had done quite well, but after a short period, ratings began to plunge. Subplot after subplot and battle after battle had left the viewers cold. John Peel, author of the *Doctor Who Files* books, recalled that he was BORED. Few viewers could be expected to hang on so long for so little.

It turned out that the whole concept of a gargantuan serial was faulty, especially one involving the Daleks. One of their major faults is that they are at precisely one lever, with no room above or below for character growth (they're at one level, also, when it comes to movement! Even if they don't have to climb stairs!). After a few episodes, they grow tedious; after twelve, unbearable. Also, the plot of this story was paper thin. In many ways, it was a remake of the previous Dalek story, "The Chase." This episode, which has fortunately survived and been shown on American TV, also had the Daleks chasing the Doctor around, but thankfully, it was only six weeks long.

The story possibilities of "The Dalek Master Plan" had run out long before the required quota of episodes. Subplots sprouted and appeared everywhere. Episode 7, "The Feast of Steven," had nothing whatsoever to do with the rest of the Christmas Day, it became almost a traditional British "panto," with drunks, foolish policemen, and slap stick humor. At the end of it, the Doctor wished the viewers a merry Christmas!

No More Monsters

Never again would *Doctor Who* make the mistake of letting a single serial drag on this long. Except for one special situation, no future story ever lasted more than eight weeks (that was the brilliant Troughton story "The Invasion," which introduced UNIT). Few stories got more than seven episodes (the last of those was the Pertwee story "The Ambassadors of Death." This one killed off seven-parters by being padded and dull.)

Even the two attempts to create unified seasons didn't make them all as single stories. The "Key to Time" Season, Tom Baker's fifth year, had six stories on a common theme, but one could watch any one without having to have seen the previous serials. Even the "Trial of a Time Lord" stories, Colin Baker's second and final year, were not completely dependent on their predecessors.

Sarah Kingdom (Jean Marsh)

The one exception was Patrick Troughton's final regular appearance as the Doctor, "The War Games." This ten-part episode was the result of a production problem. Two scripts had been canceled, with nothing on the shelf to replace them. Script Editor Terrance Dicks and writer Malcolm Hulke quickly wrote ten scripts and the story was filmed. Although there is a lot of padding and running around, particularly in the middle, the story does hold together fairly well.

Dalekmania Dies

"The Dalek Master Plan," created to stimulate and exploit Dalekmania, essentially killed it. The popularity of the characters, though still high, had been slipping since ITV's introduction of Thunderbirds and The Man from Uncle. They were still very popular, but the twelve-week bombardment destroyed the mania that once existed. The viewing public would recover in time for "The Power of the Daleks" the following year (Patrick Troughton's first episode as the Doctor) but the fad for Daleks was over.

Future Dalek stories were filmed, but never went past six stories, and the creatures have never been as popular as they were in the early 1960s. Oddly enough, in 1973, *Doctor Who* put together what was almost a remake of "The Dalek Master Plan." Two stories shown back-to-back, "Frontier in Space" and "Planet of the Daleks," dealt with a terrible Dalek threat to the Universe. "Frontier in Space," which could be retitled "The Master's Dalek Plan," was the last appearance in *Doctor Who* of Roger Delgado as the first Master. Shortly after it was broadcast, Delgado was killed in an automobile accident in Turkey.

Unfortunately, all twelve episodes of "The Dalek Master Plan" were destroyed in the BBC's infamous purge of its archives in the early 1970s. Part 7, "The Feast of Steven," was erased even earlier, the first *Doctor Who* episode ever to be destroyed, before the serial was sold overseas. However, a fanzine novelisation was published in the early 1980s by the Australian Doctor Who club, and a copy of it is in our Fanzine Library. Audio tapes of the story sometimes circulate.

It seems a sad fate for such a herculean piece of work. "The Dalek Master Plan" ultimately failed to provide the ratings it was supposed to and that the show needed, but it still takes its place in the Doctor Who pantheon. Like "Shada," however, it is more mourned for its loss than for what it was in itself.

More Letters

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for him, and in that regard I need all the help I can get!

So far Colin has been a delight to work with—even more so than I had expected, which is saying a *lot!* He really is a very special fellow.

Keep up the good work, and thanks again for the help.

Laurie Yadon

Colin certainly is a very special fellow, as anyone who has met him or seen him at a convention is well aware. Incidentally, this letter arrived with the latest edition of the FoTaCB newsletter, Doubletalk, and it is superb. Lots of great photos of Tom and Colin. Membership in the Friends is $10 a year, and it's worth it. Send your dues to PO Box 8363, Stanford, CA 94305-0217.

Dear Prydonians:

No doubt I could write for days without end and pages beyond count about my experiences at this year's Scorpio, but I'll spare everyone and relate only a couple of the most memorable anecdotes to you.

Jan Chappell and Sally Knyvette needed a short sketch to perform for the convention Cabaret. I was fortunate enough to be chosen for this assignment, and at Jan's request, I adapted a short scene from the Bizarro 7 story "Return to Whoopie 3" into a script (this story appeared in the fanzine Fantazy #3). One of the greatest thrills of my life was watching a piece of work that I had a hand in creating come to life at the hands of a couple of pros! Jan and Sally not only did the piece justice during the cabaret rehearsal, they improved on it with superb interpretation and suggestions. Unfortunately, circumstances beyond everyone's control made it impossible for Sally to appear in the cabaret that night, but I'll cherish the memory of that rehearsal forever. Perhaps someday, there'll be another chance to share it with an audience!

Secondly, I'd like to pass along a very funny tale told to me by Gareth Thomas during the con. Gareth, his wife Sheelagh Wells, and some fans and I were at a delicatessen, sampling the goodies, when Gareth confided that he used to drive a delivery van for his cousin's deli, back in England. One day, some idiot cut in from of his van and forced him to stop short. Gareth was immediately inundated with gallons and gallons of gefilte fish. In his own words, he "stank for months after." He must've been pretty popular with the cats, too...as undignified as it must have been, I still go into fits of giggles when I imagine it.

Paul Darrow was sorely missed; perhaps we can look forward to everyone showing for DSV One and/or Scorpio next time. As I said, there isn't enough space to relate all the great moments. It's something that simply has to be experienced by any dedicated B7 fan, firsthand. Thanks to all of you for the memories, and see you soon!

Take Kerr.

Leah Rosenthal

In Leah and Anne Wortham's Bizarro 7 stories, Blake was framed by the Federation not for molesting children but for molesting ducks. In connection with that, I'd like to relate my fondest memory of Scorpio V. Outside the hotel is a large pond inhabited by many ducks. Irony of ironies, Gareth Thomas is genuinely fond of ducks. Sunday morning, Gareth was at the pond, placidly and happily feeding the ducks!

Dear Prydonians:

You cannot fail to have noticed my name appearing rather frequently in recent issues of the *Renegade.* This "publicity" might be considered flattering to one who is, after all, merely a civil servant, were it not for the blatantly offensive tone adopted by your editor. His repeated attempts to ridicule former Supreme Commander Servalan and to belittle my admiration for her substantial achievements have led him to create a fantasy Federation, complete from alien empire to fictional President. Hiding behind this facade, he has proceeded to overstep the bounds of both taste and humor by accusing me of a catalogue of crimes ranging from murder, theft, and contract assassination to subversion and conspiracy .

I characterized Blake as a power-crazed traitor and the man directly responsible for the Andromedan invasion in my last letter, and your editor could offered no reply. Instead, he attempted to divert attention by insulting Servalan's memory. In that issue, he further criticised Servalan for, among other failings, her "obsession with the petty 'Blakes 7' gang." Petty? This from of one of Blake's supposed champions? How odd.

Servalan never dreamed of dismissing him so frivolously. She saw his political threat as genuine: a major source of disruption and a focal point for other anti-Federation elements. She acknowledged his terror-tactics as the cause of death for hundreds of Federation soldiers, technicians, and civilians before the destruction of Star One, and for millions more in the war that followed.

Following the war and Blake's disappearance, Servalan's pursuit of his gang took on the quality of a duel with possession of the *Liberator* as the prize. After the loss of that ship and Servalan's own disappearance, it was my duty—and my pleasure—to bring that duel to a successful conclusion. On Gauda Prime I succeeded completely, neutralizing the gang *and* preventing Blake from staging a "second coming."

And that, dear Prydonians, is no more or less than the truth, however reluctant your editor is to acknowledge it. Perhaps if he feels the need to write obituaries, he might have a go at Blake's—although in all fairness, he really ought to offer the task to me.

Sleer,
Commissioner, Federation Security

Why should I write an obituary for myself?

Kim's Cutouts

by Kim Wigmore

Competition Six Results

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Rumors of Birth: Servalan comes forward with evidence that she is an illegitimate descendant of Elvis.
Children of Avon: Avon comes back through time and becomes a TV evangelist.
Bar One: Vila remembers the day he reached the drinking age and went to his first pub.
Greg Goldstein, Philadelphia, PA

Vulcano: The crew find Jenna alive, well, and smuggling illicit "Mr. Spock" designer bathrobes.
Tom Lannaman, Riverside, CT

Doctor Who Trivia

Tegan Jovanka Quiz

by Jon Miller

1. What is Tegan's home town?
2. What airline was she planning to work for?
3. Where did she meet the Doctor?
4. Where did the Doctor leave her?
5. Where did she rejoin the Doctor?
6. What did she wear in *Black Orchid?*
7. Who fell in love with her in *Enlightenment?*
8. Who was she with in *The Five Doctors?*
9. In *Kinda,* what language could she speak that the Doctor couldn't?
10. Does this make any sense at all?
11. What was her grandfather's name?
12. Where was she going to meet him?
13. In what year did she first meet the Brigadier?
14. In what episode did she meet herself?
15. In what episode did she nearly wipe out the human race?
16. In what episode did she get to use her stewardess training?
17. Whom did she enlist in *Snakedance?*
18. What secret file did she discover in *Frontios?*
19. What was the name of her favourite cousin?
20. Where did she finally leave the Doctor?

answers next month

Answers to last month's quiz: 1.Arden. 2 Varga. 3. The Ioniser. 4. They needed it to send their pods to Earth. 5 Fewsham. 6 Professeor Eldred. 7. Absorbed the oxygen in Earth's atmosphere. 8. As Galactic Federation delegates. 9. Idyr. 10. In the refinery. 11. Eckersley. 12. For Peladon's trisilicate.

Notes from the Library

Time Winds has club authors

by Linda Anne Lineaweaver, Librarian

This month we are looking forward to the publication of the latest fanzine in the *Time Winds* series. This is one of the longest-running, best Doctor Who fanzines. Number 18 is ready and, good news, our club will be its official agent. So look for it at all club functions, including the upcoming convention in Philadelphia.

Time Winds is published locally by our own Susan Garrett (who, by the way, prints our newsletter for us at cost) and this latest issue contains stories by three of our members, Cecily Chambers, Steve Zwanger, and Tom Beck. Previous issues are chock-full of of great stories, poetry, and artwork. I have not gotten a chance to read them all but a few tidbits do stand out in mind. Great fun was the quiz in #2 to see what kind of Companion I would make (don't ask) and we have another great Christmas issue in #9. All the Doctors seem to be covered, with maybe a preponderance of the Fourth, my favourite. The Library contains almost all issues of *Time Winds* and so is a great place to catch up on the series. Then, support your club and local authors by getting the latest issue. It looks to be a good one.

Incidentally, the Unearthly Children now have their own fanzine library going. Called Fanzine Fanatics, their collection is smaller than ours, but it has some stuff ours doesn't and it's growing all the time. Check it out.

Tips on care of a spiral binding: Spiral bindings, for some reason, have become the binding of choice for many recent fanzines. This leads to a problem for the Library and for any collector who reads her zines a lot or lends them out. The spiral binding may look nice, but it is one of the easiest to mangle. The only sure way to keep it in good shape is to read the zine while it is lying open and flat. When turning a page, CLOSE THE BOOK, lift up the next page with your finger, and then open it up flat again. NEVER fold a spiral back on itself. Never turn a page whtn the spiral is turned on itself or lying flat. Either will destroy the binding in short order. We need to keep all our fanzines in good shape for the next reader, so let's all be careful. I hope I don't sound too preachy, but one our newest zines is in bad shape, and with a little care it wouldn't have been.

A stamped self-addressed envelope will get you our latest list of fanzines. Membership is $10 or zines worth $10. Inquiries and membership fees should be sent to Linda Anne Lineaweaver, 4D8 Arbor Green, Beverly, NJ 08010 (609-877-3464). Many of our 38 Library members borrow by mail only, so don't let distance keep you from some very good reading.

Prydonian Renegade Competition

Competition Number 7

Mr. T: I pity the Dalek that messes with me!

Joan Collins: Doctor, why don't you regenerate into something a little more comfortable?

Monty Hall: Doc, I'll give you $50 for that K9 Mark II, or you can have what's inside the TARDIS where Carol is standing.

Above, new Companions for the Doctor. Competitors are invited to suggest other possible TARDIS travelers.

Competition rules: All entries must be typewritten or legibly handwritten. Only one entry per member (up to three Companions). Send to Competition Number 7, Prydonian Renegade, PO Box 3194, Princeton, NJ 08543-3194. Deadline is November 28. Editor's decisions are final and all entries become the property of the club. First Prize: Two months' membership in The Prydonians. Second Prize: one month's membership. First- and second-place winners and honourable mentions will be published in the December issue.

Results of Competition 6, in which we asked for story ideas for Fakes 7.

Report: Wow! The best Competition yet! You should all be real proud of yourselves. And locked away .

First Prize:

Project Avon Calling: Avon is a planet-to-planet salesman of purloined Federation technology.

Mission to Dynasty: Avon must solve the mystery of whether Ensor was really Orac's "father" and what Zen Carrington was doing in the neighborhood.

Redemption: Vila saves the day after Gauda Prime by stealing 63 billion trading stamps and turning them in at the Federation Redemption Center for a new *Scorpio.*

Marilyn Hanson, Ronkonkoma, NY

Second Prize:

Time Squid: Cally is telepathically haunted by the death throes of Kroll.

Spam: Tarrant and Servalan are marooned on a planet covered by malevolent living pork products.

Jeff Hildebrand, Penn Wynne, PA

Honourable Menitons:

Gorac: Avon and Vila teleport down to Elm Street.

City on the Edge of the Death of Forever : The *Liberator* is caught in a fibrilating nexus of 3 science fiction shows.

Filler: The crew realizes that their conversations are so padded out that there's no plot to the episode whatsoever.

Jon Miller, Bryn Mawr, PA

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Three November Events Planned

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be our November Assembly, from noon to 4 pm at the Lawrenceville Library, in Lawrenceville, NJ. Incidentally, at the October Assembly, we gave the Library over 90 Doctor Who books! For information or directions, call 609-921-8148. Ditto the above on food and drink.

Then, on November 21, we will be celebrating 24 years of Doctor Who with a party at Maureen Mulholland's home at 1203 Noreen Drive in Burlington Township, NJ. We are sharing this party with the Unearthly Children. Since it is also their monthly meeting, they will be arriving at 2 pm. If you are not an Unearthly Child, don't show up until 3:30. Of course, if you want to join the UEC, which is a great idea, you can get there at 2. Donations of comestibles and potables are encouraged. For information and directions, call 609-386-6813 or 609-921-8148.

Or, here are directions: from Pennsy, cross the Bristol Bridge. Go tor Route 130. Exit onto Salem Road (it's a tricky left), go up six blocks, turn right onto Maple Road. Make an immediate left on Noreen Drive. 1203 is the second house on the right before the end of the block. From north or south New Jersey, take 295 to the Burlington/Mt. Holly exit. Take the Burlington exit. Turn left at the second light onto Sunset Road. At the second light on Sunset, turn right onto Salem and follow the above directions.

Hope to see lots and lots of you a these events!

By the way, our December Assembly will be on Saturday, December 5, at the Lawrenceville Library, and our Christmas Party has been rescheduled for the 18th.

This space for rent, call Gallifrey 5-4321

B7 Story Contest Deadline Extended

We've received six entries so far to the Blakes 7 Story Contest. As stated last month, the rules are simple: send us an original, never-before-published story about anything in the B7 universe. All stories must be typed, less than 2000 words long, and accompanied by a $1 entry fee. Submit as many stories as you like. The stories will be judged, of course, by our specially selected jury of giant mutant chimpanzees from Mars. The deadline has been extended to December 18. Send all stories to PO Box 3194, Princeton, NJ 08543-3194. Join the Rebellion: write us a B7 story!

JNT at Creation Thanksgiving Con

John Nathan-Turner, producer of *Doctor Who* lo these many years, will be a guest at Creation's Thanksgiving Convention, November 27–29, at Manhattan's Penta Hotel, 7th Avenue and 33rd Street. He will be bringing slides from the new season of *Doctor Who.*

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If your address label is printed in *red*, your membership expires with this issue. This will be your last issue of *The Renegade* unless you renew your dues by the end of this month.

Dated Material—*Please Rush!*